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TO USLO PEKING

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SUBJECT: COMMERCE OFFICER CLARKE'S VISIT TO PRC

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1. CONCUR WITH SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR CLARKE AS OUTLINED
REFTEL A.

2. CLARKE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE HONG KONG AROUND NOON
OCTOBER 25, BUT ASSUME THIS POSES NO PROBLEMS FOR REST OF
ITINERARY. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, CLARKE WOULD LIKE TO
TRAVEL CANTON-PEKING AND PEKING-CANTON SEGMENTS ONE WAY VIA
RAIL AND THE OTHER VIA AIR. ALTHOUGH RAIL TRAVEL COULD BE
ON EITHER FIRST OR ON RETURN PORTION, BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT
BE MORE CONVENIENT TO TRAVEL CANTON-PEKING BY RAIL, AND
RETURN TO CANTON VIA AIR ON NOVEMBER 6. WHILE CLARKE WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN SEEING WUHAN, HE WOULD PREFER TO VISIT
INDUSTRIAL CITY IN NORTHEAST, IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. LEAVE TIMING TO YOUR JUDGMENT, BUT CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
CLARKE TRAVEL SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF ROUTINE APPROACH TO MFA,
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AND CLEARLY SEPARATE FROM DISCUSSIONS OF US "PRESENCE" AT

CANTON FAIR. CONVERSATION REPORTED REF C UNDERLINES
IMPORTANCE OF SUCH SEPARATE TREATMENT OF CLARKE'S VISIT,
WHICH MIGHT BEST BE PRESENTED AS CONSULTATIONS IN PEKING
WITH INCIDENTAL OBSERVATION OF THE FAIR, ETC. RUSH

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